

BVSCA meeting minutes 3/26/18

- I. ACPD Update
 - a. Arlington police are actively recruiting for the force; currently 50 officers short. Have been recruiting at Open Door Monday meetings.
- II. Monique O'Grady- summary below
- III. Elementary School Walk Zone Review
 - a. Maps distributed at meeting
- IV. Community Liaison for Ballston Square Apartments (SP #293) – Beatrice Guzman (Beatrice_guzman@avalonbay.com)
- V. 1 year use permit review- The Children's School at 4420 N. Fairfax (SP-331-U17)
 - a. 4/21 county board hearing; review for a permit for up to 200 children
- VI. Arlington Funeral Home/Club on Quincy/Black Box site (3901 Fairfax Dr.- SP386-U-18-1)- use permit for Carpool to put materials/trailer on site during 2-yr construction
 - a. Currently two site plans; one is a use permit to use funeral home site as contractor staging yard during Carpool construction, the other will lower building height by 8', delete mezzanine, add retail space, keeping same number of parking spots (50)
 - b. What is the status of the black box theater/art space at Fairfax and Monroe? Payments for conditions release will be paid in 3 installments totaling ~\$1M.
- VII. Darna
 - a. Ashton Heights civic assoc.—asked for soundproofing and someone onsite each night to mitigate noise
 - b. Asked for noise reporting link on the website
 - c. Only 3-5 reports of noise per year, managers are responsive
 - d. One month extension of use permit to allow for necessary renovations
- VIII. JFAC- upcoming meeting on 3/28 at 7PM, Navy League (2300 Wilson Blvd)
- IX. JFAC 2/28 follow up
 - a. Nia and Dawn attended due to Buck Site across from Ed Center at Quincy, 66, and 14th; Nia wrote to County Manager's office to express disappointment with the JFAC forum, feels that the public was not heard
- X. Summary of roundtables with Civic and Condo Assoc. Presidents
 - a. HOA, Condo, and Civic Assoc. presidents meeting (Nia could not attend); voiced concerns about limited resources, limited participation by residents, proposed new methods of connections & communication
- XI. 11th St Development (Sport & Health site at Kirkwood & Washington Blvd)
 - a. Will be presenting to us at our 4/23 meeting at the Residence in Ballston
- XII. BVSCA neighborhood sign
 - a. Has been repaired; still waiting to determine reinstallation location
- XIII. Latitude "art" sculpture
 - a. Currently tied down; Latitude was not the original owner and is aware of the issue. Nia emailed the son of the developer and he was able to give Nia the artist's name; working on a solution.
- XIV. Arlington tree canopy article
 - a. Developers are supposed to pay into the tree cover fund for each tree removed

- b. Off topic: YMCA has removed trees without filing proper permits; they have blocked parking and placed a banner also without permits; Nia will contact Manny to see what the tree replacement provisions are in the covenant with the Y
- XV. Coordinating Rosslyn-Ballston Civic Associations
 - a. Would like to pursue a civic association coordination; we need to consider Mark Schwartz's recommendations on saving money-- Nia is concerned that they will sneak in parking meter increases as well as suggesting time changes for meters and this will lead to overflow into residential parking areas
 - b. Budget hearings on Apr. 3rd and Apr. 5th in addition to online feedback
- XVI. Arlington Co. E-CARE
 - a. Saturday, 3/31—hazardous materials collection, \$15 fee for a monitor, \$20 fee for TVs containing CRTs; collecting bikes, clothes, 8:30AM to 2PM at Yorktown HS
- XVII. NCAC report:
 - a. Last month's meeting was canceled
 - b. Staples site: Collier is not aware of changes to the application, but current plan does not adhere to Va. Sq. sector plan, GLUP, or zoning. Met with Long Range Planning Committee to discuss the project; most agree that the project should not advance. There will be a 3rd LRPC meeting to be scheduled, date TBD. Received a request directly from the developer to meet privately with BVSCA and Ashton Heights to discuss other options. BVSCA's opposition is due to design (too close to adjacent townhome) and intensity of use ; we are in favor of responsible development
- XVIII. CivFed
 - a. Moving Arlington to 100% renewable energy by 2035
- XIX. Cara Troup motioned and Nate Troup seconded request to write a letter for an expanded walk zone at Science Focus and point out the fact that this is an anomaly among other Arlington County schools; motion passed
- XX. Future meetings: nominations will occur in April for June officer elections; no meeting in May

Monique O'Grady presentation:

- a. Working on FY19 school budget; currently facing a multi-million dollar deficit and looking at cuts for staff, increasing class size, considering inclusion of students with learning differences into regular classrooms rather than pulling them out
- b. County board asked school board to come to them with a balanced budget
- c. School board will offer their budget in April and will solicit community feedback thereafter; presentation on April 19th, adoption on May 3rd
- d. Strategic plan: optimal learning environments, attracting & retaining staff, eliminating achievement gap, etc.—awaiting updates. If interested, please get involved; there will be opportunities to respond on the Engage website <https://www.apsva.us/engage/>
- e. Elementary school boundaries: as we grow our school system (~+800 students per year; currently 29K students), the staff has asked School Board to consider taking some current neighborhood schools and switching their locations with option schools to minimize transportation concerns and making it easier to walk (need to hire more bus drivers)

- f. 4/12- staff will share draft recommendations, 4/16-4/23 will host open office hours to talk about recommendations; community meeting on 5/1, school board info presented on 5/17, School Board action on 6/21
- g. Elementary school boundaries process will occur in the fall; Feb. 2019 will be kindergarten registration and new boundaries will be implemented in Fall 2019
- h. Currently working on CIP 10 year spending plan. Current CIP funds have been spent on adding on to McKinley & Abingdon, creating new elem. school next to TJ (to be named Fleet School), adding new seats at career center, new HS at Wilson, etc.
 - i. School board to adopt new CIP in June, with opportunities for community to weigh in before adoption
- i. New elementary school at Reed in Westover; adding 1300 new HS seats with a bond (some to Ed Center, some to Career Center)
- j. Arlington Schools supported the 3/14 walk-out; have asked superintendent to examine current safety measures
- k. Registration for new students currently under way and need to be filed by April 16th
- l. School Board meetings will be moved to Syphax Center effective May
- m. School.board@apsva.us
- n. Questions and feedback:
 - i. One resident voiced concern about not being able to send her kids to Science Focus school despite being in the “walk zone” and several neighbors echoed her point (also emphasized traffic incidents, traffic flow with buses, shortage of bus drivers, etc.) Monique will be sharing this feedback with the board
 - ii. One resident asked about which school staff are slated to be cut and whether the changes will be drastic; Monique said they are considering their options
 - iii. Nia asked about whether there is a system in place for troubled children (as it relates to school safety); Monique said they are dedicating more money for psychologists and social workers in our schools over the next 3 years but budget restrictions may have to limit the addition of these staff. She noted that there are counselors in all of the schools.
 - iv. Monique noted that the best way to share interest is to write to the school board and get involved in the walk zone process